

## ABILENE REFLECTOR

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### CURRENT COMMENT.

The St. Paul ice carnival has been set for the week of January 23 next.

The Republicans of San Francisco have nominated Charles R. Story, a prominent insurance man, for mayor.

The proposal of the County Democracy of New York for union upon local Assembly and Congressional Democratic nominations has been rejected by Tammany.

This is to be a fine season for game in Georgia. Rice birds, crabs and shrimps are the chief items of diet, and later will come venison, quail and duck of all varieties.

TAMMANY HALL replies to the County Democracy's appeal for union on local and Congressional candidates, refusing such union and denouncing Mayor Hewitt and the County people generally.

MISS KARRIE MILLER, of Lexington, S. C., died recently after a year of intense suffering caused by drinking a glass of condensed lye by mistake for wine. For four months she was unable to swallow.

NEGOTIATIONS have been completed by which an Eastern syndicate will, on the 1st of December, assume control of the Milwaukee (Wis.) City Railway Company, of which Peter McGeech is the principal stockholder.

W. F. FRITZ, treasurer of the Hermandad school district near Duluth, Minn., was waylaid the other night by four men who pulled him from his buggy and robbed him of a money belt containing over \$2,600 of school funds. The previous treasurer was robbed in the same manner six years ago near the same spot.

A DECISION has been rendered by Judge Sawyer in the United States Circuit Court at San Francisco upon two test cases under the recent Chinese Exclusion act. The court affirms the constitutionality of the act and holds that all Chinese now in the harbor as well as those on the way here from China must be sent back.

INDIANS in the United States last year cultivated 27,265 acres of land and raised 724,958 bushels of wheat, 934,972 bushels of corn, 512,137 bushels of oats and barley, 524,010 bushels of vegetables and 101,828 tons of hay. They also owned 358,334 horses and mules, 111,407 head of cattle, 40,471 swine and 4,117,273 sheep.

RECENTLY a paddle-wheel steamer was changed into the twin-screw type, the result being to increase the carrying power of the vessel by 190 tons, large additional cattle-carrying space being gained, while the net register is decreased 247 tons. The speed has been increased considerably and the fuel consumption reduced 60 per cent.

The question as to whether or not excitement shortens life is being agitated, and it is held that anything which quickens the action of the heart, any kind of excitement, taxes and reduces the storage of life. Almost every one knew this long ago, and it is only recently that the matter has been considered in the light of percentage.

A RECENT number of the *Astorian* of Oregon says: "Black booby birds by the thousands are reported covering the mouth of the river, and vessels passing through kill them by the hundred. They have been gorging on fish and can not fly. They extend all the way out, and off North Beach can be seen for a mile. The visitation is an unusual one."

A TRAGIC death occurred at the San Gerónimo mine at Sonora, Mex., a short time ago. The superintendent, H. B. Melic, was in his office preparing to pay off the men when the building suddenly sunk into the earth and disappeared. The office stood on ground just above an old tunnel. The body of Mr. Melic was recovered after several hours of hard work.

GERMAN newspapers speak distrustfully of the situation in France. The *North German Gazette*, quoting the *Temps*' ironical comments on Premier Floquet's Division bill, indorse the prediction of the *Temps* that an Empire is at hand. The *Tagblatt* thinks that something unexpected will happen in France, and that the doom of the Moderate Republican party is sealed.

A COUCHER has arrived in Brussels from the Congo Free State. He brings details of the death of Major Bartollet, who was shot and killed with a revolver by a porter in the Stanley relief expedition in revenge for the ill treatment he was subjected to by Major Bartollet. The murderer was placed under arrest and delivered to the officials at Stanley Falls, where he was hanged.

SECRETARY FASIG, of the Cleveland (O.) driving park, with a Pennsylvania horseman as partner, proposes taking a shipload of American trotters to Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, and after a three or four days' trotting meeting in the great South American town to sell the horses at public auction. The trip will be enormously expensive, but it is expected that the profits will be similarly great.

MME. ILMA DI MURSKA, the once famous soprano, is now living in a single room in Washington square, New York, in comparative poverty. She became one of the leading sopranos of Europe in 1865, and in 1873 she starred in a tour around the world, her circuit including Australia and this country, where she arrived in 1874. She appeared here again in 1879. Her eccentricities have had much to do with her property.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

### CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate on the 15th set apart the first Tuesday in December for discussing the Union Pacific Funding bill. A lively tilt took place between Senators Blair and Cockrell as to the character of Mary Ann Doherty, an applicant for a special pension and the bill for whose relief the President had vetoed. Several important bills passed. The adjournment question was briefly discussed, when debate on the tariff bill was resumed and continued until adjournment. In the House, Mr. Wheeler (Ala.) offered a resolution in regard to the tariff, which was referred. Mr. Oates offered a resolution for adjournment which went over one day. The motion to table the reconsideration of the vote on the Presidential bill was adopted and the House soon adjourned.

In the Senate on the 16th discussion of the tariff bill was resumed and continued until adjournment. In the House, Mr. Wheeler (Ala.) offered a resolution in regard to the tariff, which was referred. Mr. Oates offered a resolution for adjournment which went over one day. The motion to table the reconsideration of the vote on the Presidential bill was adopted and the House soon adjourned.

The Senate met on the 17th with only a few Senators present. Senator Teller occupied a good portion of the time with a speech on the tariff bill. Senator Allison offered a concurrent resolution for a recess from Saturday, October 20, to November 19, but the resolution went over under an objection. Senator Morgan spoke on the tariff and the Senate adjourned. Much of the time in the House (only a few members present) was devoted to a personal explanation by Mr. S. S. Cox (N. Y.) as to documents sent out under his name which the House had voted to censure. A resolution was offered for adjournment on the 20th, which was referred.

After the transaction of unimportant business in the Senate on the 18th the concurrent resolution for a recess from the 24th to November 19th was taken up and Senator Brown offered a substitute resolution for final adjournment on Saturday to the first Monday in December, which, after some debate, was adopted. After discussion on the tariff bill the Senate adjourned. After the reading of the journal the Senate resolution for adjournment was laid before the House and Mr. McMillen (Iowa) spoke on the resolution, but made no tariff speech. Other members took part in the debate but the adjournment resolution was finally concurred in and the House soon adjourned.

In the Senate on the 19th the resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to continue its hearing on the tariff bill was adopted. The Senate then took a recess and upon adjournment went into session and then adjourned. In the House the attendance was so small that nothing was done except to adjourn.

### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

HON. JOHN WESTWORTH, better known as "Long John," a man as well known as any man in the West, died on the 16th. Mr. Westworth was one of Chicago's oldest residents and in his day mayor of the city, Congressman and editor of the principal daily paper. He was seventy-three years of age and was worth at least \$1,000,000.

ADVICES from Afghanistan report that a force of 10,000 British troops and 1,000 men and 1,600 rebels were among the killed and wounded.

HON. J. G. BLAINE was unable to address the Republican gathering at Lafayette, Ind., on the 17th, his throat being inflamed.

CHICAGO's registration amounts to 164,000, an increase of 50 per cent. over the registration at the last Presidential election.

CARDINAL HOWARD, of England, is hopelessly insane. Acting on the advice of Italian and foreign Clericals, the Pope has decided to instruct the Catholic Bishops throughout the world to continue to agitate for the restoration of the temporal powers of the Pope.

The Supreme Court of Germany has refused to release Prof. Geffcken, who was under arrest for making public extracts from the late Emperor Frederick's diary.

PREMIER MACDONALD, of Canada, is expected to leave shortly for England to consult with the British Ministry regarding the fisheries dispute.

The Count de Premio Real, Spanish Consul-General at Quebec, accidentally shot and killed himself recently while examining a revolver.

Austrian troops are being massed on the frontier to correspond with the massing of Austrian regiments.

RELIABLE reports are that the latest Afghan insurrection has been completely crushed and Isak Khan is a refugee in Bokhara.

Dr. J. L. GUNNING, of Amsterdam, Holland, says that arrangements will shortly be made at Washington with the Government, to indemnify the settlers on the Maxwell grant who bought their property when the British Ministry decided that the Maxwell grant was not a valid one.

SOUDANESE dervishes are reported advancing upon Upper Egypt in force and are expected to raid the villages between Wady Halfa and Assouan.

It is stated on good authority that the President has promised to visit New York before the election and review a parade of the business men of that city, but it is not his intention to make a speech.

The Pope has complained that the attiral Noble of the Italian Government, in the reception of Emperor William, renders his situation more difficult.

The Emperor of Germany went to Pompeii on the 18th and witnessed the uncovering of several buried houses. He and the King of Italy have issued a joint order of approval of the appearance of the Italian ruins.

REV. J. LEIGHTON COLEMAN, D. D., was consecrated at Wilmington, Del., on the 18th, as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Delaware.

E. J. HANCOCK, of Walsala, L. T., has been elected Treasurer of the Creek Nation by the National Council. Ex-Chief Perryman was his principal opponent.

R. W. HUNT, of Erie, has been elected president and A. J. Bort, of New York, secretary of the American Institute of Architects. Considerable delay in the Western Association was decided upon.

TAMMANY HALL at New York was packed on the night of the 19th with an enthusiastic audience, who ratified the National Democratic ticket with great fervor and listened to speeches by Hon. S. S. Cox, C. C. Breckinridge, Bourke Cochran, Daniel Dougherty, Roger A. Pryor and Ashbel P. Fitch.

The Republic of Colombia has accepted the invitation of the United States to take part in the conference of independent American States in Washington in October, 1889.

The President has approved the act of Alfred Pleasanton, Major in the army and placing him on the retired list with that rank and grade.

The President has approved the General Deficiency bill.

GENERAL S. LOMON, the noted Haytian leader and ex-President, who was recently deposed by a revolution, died in Paris on the 19th.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

By the explosion of the boiler of a traction engine on a farm north of Highland, Ill., the engineer was killed and four others seriously injured.

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## KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The State Finances.

In his biennial report, just issued, State Treasurer Hamilton gives the following exhibit of the State finances from July 1, 1886 to June 30, 1888:

Direct taxes.....	\$2,341,180.99
Pennitentiary earnings.....	2,840,108.00
Insurance.....	4,007.79
Post and Dispatch.....	1,009.00
Idiot and Imbecile asylum.....	75.50
Reform School.....	25.00
State Librarian.....	4,445.00
Superintendent of Insurance.....	100,217.55
Sale of school lands—principal.....	1,009,905.35
Sale of school lands—interest.....	57,748.85
Sale of University lands—principal.....	17,006.49
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Sale of Normal School lands—principal.....	22,880.10
Sale of Normal School lands—interest.....	24,502.56
Sale of Agricultural College lands—principal.....	49,040.19
Sale of Agricultural College lands—interest.....	10,581.16
Payment of county, township, school district and United States bonds.....	552,653.93
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Payment of principal State bonds.....	53,550.30
From Federal Government to reimburse State.....	17,006.49
From estate of deceased persons.....	27.01
Miscellaneous.....	1,580.44
Total.....	\$5,495,917.77

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On warrants drawn by State Superintendent..... 1,074,902.46

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## TERRIBLE LANDSLIDE.

Ten Carloads of Excursionists Killed and Mangled in Italy.

Two Leadville Miners Fall Eight Hundred Feet Down a Shaft—A Fatal Leap.

Four Colored Children Cremated in North Carolina—A River Captain Drowned—Other Casualties.